

***Funds will benefit Jefferson, Meigs, Athens & Lawrence Counties***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the following federal grants have been awarded in Ohio's 6th District:

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department will receive \$12,651 under the Department of Justice's FY 10 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. According to the agency, the program can support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their local needs and conditions. Sheriff Fred Abdalla will use the award toward a joint technology upgrade project that will benefit Jefferson County and the City of Steubenville. The county will serve as the fiscal agent and will be responsible for purchasing the requested computer hardware and software for both Jefferson County and Steubenville. Computer upgrades are necessary for the functionality of the record management systems, which are used by both departments.

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) approved \$250,000 for the Village of Pomeroy in Meigs County to build an access road to a commercial site. According to the ARC, the funds will be used in the construction of 1,063 feet of roadway to provide access to a newly developed 5-acre business site near the recently completed Pomeroy-Mason Bridge. The project will provide key access to the new commercial site supporting an estimated \$120 million of retail sales annually in Meigs and neighboring counties. ARC estimates that the project will support the creation of about 25 new jobs in the business site. In addition to the ARC funds, the Meigs County Community Improvement Corporation will provide \$98,119 with an estimated total cost of \$348,119 for the project.

Ohio University will receive \$244,817 from the Department of Justice. According to the agency, OU will use the funds for a program called "Officer and Vehicle Safety for Law Enforcement Applications." A research team will study contrasting colors, reflective stripings, logos and lighting to determine the most effective combination for first responder vehicles' visibility. The goal is to better understand driver-related causes of emergency vehicle crashes and to help prevent them.

Ohio University's Snyder Field in Athens County will receive \$58,173 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), a part of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). According to

DOT, funds will be used for the second phase of the airport's environmental mitigation required to complete runway safety area improvements. The project will enhance safety at the airport.

Finally, the FAA is awarding \$24,225 to the Lawrence County Airpark. The DOT says that the grant will allow the airport to design the rehabilitation of runway lighting at the airpark that is required in order to meet current design standards.

"All together, that's nearly \$590,000 headed home to make good work possible," Wilson said. "Federal money is not wasted when it comes to our area; we put it to good use to benefit our citizens, to make things safer and to create good jobs."

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